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WELCOME ROOKIES

ANNIVERSARY

Fifteen enrollees will celebrate the anniversary of their entrance into the CCC's on the 17th of Oct. This small group of veterans are all that remains of the 126 rookies from Camp Dix N. J.

The majority of these men are slated to leave at the end of the year. They have proven themselves to be a fine group of men and we wish them a happy anniversary

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Within the next day or two, 127 new enrollees will arrive from Camp Dix, N. J.

After the usual conditioning period, they shall entrain for our camp here in Sebring. Enroute they will be under the leadership of Cap't. Leslie K. Bennett our commanding officer.

New York and New Jersey will again contribute to the ranks of Co. 262, bringing the company strength up to it's full quota of 230 men.

C.C.C. MOVIES SHOWN

The members of Co. 262 were pleased to see the movies that were made of this company in Royal Palm State. They are also indebted to Mr. Vinten and his talk for a more better understanding of their future work: We are grateful to the managements, of the Circle Theatre of Sebring and the Avon Theatre of Avon Park for showing the National Park Service Movies of our moments of work and play.

We were deeply gratified to have heard the acclaim and approbation of the people of the two towns closest to our camp. After seeing us in action and hearing of what we are expected to do they showed their appreciation by applauding.

FIRST-AID EXAMS

The following members of the company have passed their First Aid Examinations:-

Eugene Campbell	George Praschil
Pelius Elder	E. Schifferdecker
Jerome Pierce	Albert J. Roth
Gustave Wolf	Milton J. Strauss
Louis Shouteet	John Weiss

They shall receive American Red Cross Certificates. Gus Wolf was the honor man of the recent class. His examination mark was 91% out of a total of 100%.

It is hoped that this high passing average will create an incentive for both new and old enrollees of this company to earn a First Aid Certificate. Lt. Faison will start a new class very soon.

A NEW HOMIE

A train stops! You gang up with the rest of them at the window, eager to see your first view of your new home! There is a mad rush for the door, confusion! Your belongings so carefully taken care of during the trip are missing. Frantically you search, moments are precious. What a time to lose them. Your buddies (two weeks acquaintance) cry to you "Let's go, come on". You are at your wits end until somebody cries, "Hey Jim! I've got your stuff by mistake. Now where the hell is mine." But you don't care, you're all set. After a few moments of wrestling with your belongings, you set foot on solid ground. It feels great. You look up and down, everything is new (this must account for that idiotic look all rookies seem to have).

The veterans are grinning from ear to ear and a few break out into a hearty laugh. You wonder why? All off, comes the command! You stop to admire that deep tan each vet possesses and you wonder how long it will take you to get the same results.

Meanwhile, suitcases and barrack bags are piled unceremoniously into the trucks and then you on top of it all. You're off! A short ride through strange, exotic surroundings. Royal Palms and sharp ribbed palmettos growing in profusion, startle your unaccustomed eyes. You say, "Boy this is great, I'm sure going to like this". The trucks slow up as a crescent-shaped line of tents appear in view. H-O-M-E!

A swarm of men come tearing out of the tents for a first glimpse of the rookies. They laugh and crack wise about you, it's all in fun. You smile back, feeling strange and trying not to show it.

Your new life has begun.

THANKS

We are deeply grateful to the Sebring Chamber of Commerce for their co-operation in permitting the use of their mimeograph machine.

OUR CAMP

The officers and men of Co. 262 take this opportunity to welcome you newcomers into our organization. We feel that once you are instilled with the spirit of the company you will take a sincere interest in it's record and performance. Although Co. 262 has been in existence less than two years we have a record towards which we can point with pride.

This company was formed in the spring of 1933 at Fort Niagara, NY under the command of Capt. M. R. Finney. An advance detail was sent to Belton, Montana, to create a suitable camp for the rest of the men when they arrived. When finally settled at Belton the men went to work in Glacier National Park, one of America's greatest. After a hard summer's work Co. 262 made one of the longest moves in the history of the CCC's.

They settled in Homestead, Fla. Here we went to work in Royal Palm State Park, which became part of Everglades National Park. While in Homestead, Co. 262 had the distinction of being the southernmost CCC camp in the U. S.

In the spring of this year we made a 250 mile trip in trucks to our present camp. We are now engaged in making a botanical garden under the supervision of the Fla. Forestry Department.

Last July, Capt. M. R. Finney gave up his command of Co. 262 to return to army work at Fort Niagara. The company is now under the command of Capt. L. K. Bennett, Lt. C. W. Wetzol, Lt. Joseph Escude and Lt. T. G. Faison, Med. Corps.

Co. 262 also boasts of two other records which we urge you to value and endeavor to keep intact. We have never given the people of Sebring cause for complaint on account of our behavior and we have never had a dishonorable discharge for misconduct.

That is the history of our company. We are looking forward to you to make its future as creditable as its past.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK

BY Supt. C. R. VINTON

This is the first of a series of articles on Highlands Hammock dealing with its history, development and points of interest by Supt. C. R. Vinton.

Highlands Hammock was originally known as Hooker Hammock, and was owned by several families who settled near the Hammock because of the fertility of the soil there. Evidence of their work is still seen in several parts of the Hammock where old groves exist or where the remains of old farm buildings and fences are seen. Before this Hammock was developed it was used by the people of Highlands County as a picnic grounds but, as the road from Lake Jackson was through heavy sand and bay woods it was often real work to persuade a car to make the trip.

Several years ago Mrs. John A. Roebling was making an airplane trip from Clearwater to Lake Placid. She saw this Hammock from the air and upon reaching Lake Placid inquired about its ownership. When she found that it could be purchased, she donated the money to buy two square miles of land which is now enclosed by the Hammock fence. She also purchased Section 33, which is the area now owned by the State and is being developed as an Arboretum and Botanical garden.

A Board of Trustees was then formed by influential citizens of Highlands County and the title to the land was vested in this Board with the understanding that it should always remain a public park. After this Board took control the name of the Hammock was changed to Highlands Hammock.

Mrs. Roebling saw that it would be necessary to provide roads and some way to protect it from fire and damage. With this in mind, dams were built, canals dug, fences installed and fire breaks cleared so that the Hammock proper could be more easily protected. This development has been going on for the past 4 years. This, no doubt, has done much to conserve the natural resources of the Hammock.

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SEBRING BAKERY

ON THE STUMP

By Gene Woods

After a bottle of "Coca Cola", Bob Myers and Johnny Roberts put on a ventriloquist act in the "Busy Bee". Bob Myers was very lifelike in the role of the dummy.

Vasta Walker, Sebring's most beautiful waitress, has captured the heart of "mixie" Jankowski. Alas! "mixie" is too bashful to press his courtship so your correspondent is humbly offering his services as a modern "John Alden".

"Hoboken" McInerney is feeling blue these days. He was embarrassed and insulted by someone who said "Hoboken's Police Department must be a nice fellow."

The inmates of Tent No. 26 advocate the following reforms and improvements in our camp:-

1. Less workdays and more paydays.
2. An orderly for every enrollee.
3. A piano and radio in each tent.
4. Free cigars, cigarettes and candy.
5. Telephones in each tent.
6. Meals served in bed.
7. Charge accounts in local stores with "Uncle Sam" paying the bill.
8. Free transportation to any point in the U. S. at any time.
9. Ice-cold beer on tap always.
10. A padded cell to replace tent No. 26.

HELP WANTED:- One special police officer to keep the "Sawdust Twins" from cluttering up the doorway of the "Busy Bee" when "Buster" Tortora is inside.

Please don't find fault with this column because we have lost McCabe, Stratigos, and Newbauer. Thank the stars we still have McInerney!

Here's to my Sweetie,
Annie Place.
I've put her here,
To fill this space.



ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN



Dear Nellie:

Lately my girl has been acting chilly towards me. Please advise.

Thompson

Dear Thompson:

Go with another girl and give her fuel for thought.

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Dear Nellie:

How can I get acquainted with a girl in Sebring?

VanFleet

Dear VanFleet:

Pick up where Pat McCabe left off.

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Dear Nellie:

My girl is mad at me. How can I make-up with her?

Oscar La Peterson

Dear Oscar:

Take your lipstick and face powder with you next time you visit her.

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Dear Nellie:

Why does Zelda let me kiss her only on Friday night?

"Balbo" Zinni.

Dear Zinni:

After investigation by Operator No. 27, we have found out that Friday night is Amateur Night.

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Dear Boys:

To be popular with Sebring girls gargle your throat with Listerine twice a day.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

BY
TORTORA

Sullivan's sparkling eyes can be attributed to the return of his flaxen haired Avon Parker. To quote him: "It's good to see my gal back again", and did he say it with feeling!

"Prince" Mike Romano(ff) has found his Hindu disguise racket conducive to romance. The swarthy, big bean and baloney man is doing the hot spots of Sebring(Circle Theatre and Busy Bee) with a light haired pitterpatter'er!

"Goosey" Morricci is successor to the throne left vacant by Pat McCabe, "The Orphan's" not at all reticent about taking advantage of "Goosey's" failing.

Wm. Tresca, trusty 22 rifle in one hand and hungry bear traps in the other, sallied forth in quest of big game only to return with a 12 lb possum caught by it's hungry and inquisitive snoot. The camp rejoices. A new "Frank Buck", "Bring 'em Back Alive" !

Larry "Dempsey" Vanore's long expected ghost contact materialized recently, although not in the form expected. John "Kitchen" Roberts delirium tremens pale into insignificance when compared to "Dempsey's" vision of night riders from northern Florida. He swears he saw them galloping up and down camp and then disappeared into the darkness. Boy, it must have some KICK!

Mr. Walker, the baldheaded CCC Gentleman from Lake Placid, is looking forward to becoming 2nd carpenter in place of Mark Walker. Do you build little houses behind big ones?

Lt. Wetzol distinguished himself at St. John Manlius College as boxing champ. He and Lt. Escude attended rival schools, competing against each other on the rifle range. It's a small world after all.

Mr. Huey I. Borders, CEA of our company holds a reserve commission as 2nd Lt., 328th Inf. Regt. USA. He was Supply and Canteen Officer of Co. 1436, Ga., and gave up his appointment to become our Educational Adviser. Things have been humming ever since he arrived. Keep up the good work, Mr. Borders!

Your correspondent has become swell headed, so the camp gossips believe. In a recent showing of a CCC film taken in Royal Palm State Park, Fla. at a local theatre I was overheard to yell, when my likeness appeared on the screen, "That's Buster". I'm bragging again, boys!

Following the trail of swellheaders I come to my pal, Mogul. The haberdasheries of the towns have encountered difficulties in procuring a hat to fit his cranium. What is this, an epidemic?

Ralph Torbert, the recluse who drives the covered wagon, is girl-shy. All he need be called is "Mountaineer" and does he redder. He hails from 'them thar hills', Pineville, Kentucky.

George Babcock was a victim of an initiation. Bound for home, George seated himself in his dilapidated Volunteer Fire Dep't., chariot. Starting his car he was bewildered to discover that the motor roared yet the buggy refused to budge. After using a series of profane words he made an investigation finding an orange crate under the rear end keeping the wheels off the ground!

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SPORTS

The canteen has been the recipient of four tennis racquets and a half a dozen balls. This equipment has been put at the disposal of the enrollees. Lt. Faison, when he is not busy prescribing pills and other joy destroyers will give his expert advice to tennis aspirants.

He expects to start a beginners and an advanced class. It's a great sport fellows, so give it your spare time and it won't be long before we'll be having a tournament.

Lt. Wetzol was seen poring over a catalogue eagerly scanning the wholesale prices on basketballs. It looks very much like we will have new basketballs for winter competition. So, let's practice a little bit more and go to the movies a little bit less.

Each Sunday there is a baseball game at The Firemens Field, Sebring. Many of the fellows have been attending these games. Baseball is always popular, so why not have team of our own? Wouldn't you like to root for your "Camp 9"? Bob Bethel, captain of the baseball team would like to have a team representing the company to enter the Florida Winter League.

When men were men and Co. 262 had it's full strength we had a swimming meet. It was an enormous success. Despite the fact that we number but a hundred or so, we don't see why we can't have another aquatic meet. Come on, you braggards and embryo champs! Keep your eyes peeled and watch the bulletin board. Get in trim and brush up on your strokes because we would like to see every fellow in camp in the big splash. Lets go one and all!

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BEER
Clarks GARDEN

AFTER THE SHOW

CCC MEN WELCOMED

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SEBRING FOOTBALL

With summer having one foot in the grave and the other revealing a pronounced limp, our thoughts turn to winter sports. Football! Raccoon coats! Boys shivering with scarfs wrapped tightly around their necks. Heroic players plunging thru the line, falling upon the ice encrusted ground amid rousing cheers.

In Florida they play Football too. The boys went down to the Firemens Field to see the Sebring H.S. play Haines City.

The field was resplendent with gaily dressed women, men in white, while handkerchiefs were plied freely as the burning Florida sun played havoc with the calm, cool and collected. Typical Florida Football atmosphere! By the way, did you ever slap down a mosquito while watching a football game? Well, we did!

But all in all, it was pretty exciting, thrill after thrill. Last quarter heroics! Sebring's team came from behind to win 12-6!

SALVATION ARMY

The Sebring Corps of the Salvation Army conducts Sunday morning services in the Mess-hall every week. The boys are indebted to Mrs. Kelly and her fair assistants for the interest they have shown in our affairs.

The Army's Thursday evening social gatherings are also looked forward to with joyous anticipation. Games, candy and magazines are brought along by them to enliven the festivities.

ENROLLEE STARS

Co. 262's pitching star, Bob Bethel, distinguished himself by pitching the Key West team to a 2-1 ten-inning victory over the Tampa City League champions. While home on leave, Bethel was drafted by the Key West team to pitch this important game. Having a team Captain as good as Bob it is hoped we will be able to organize a company team that can also deliver. This company is proud to have such an outstanding athlete among its enrollees.

RULES FOR ROOKIES

1. Never talk back to a leader.
2. Never take your time when somebody gives you an order in a soft voice. He positively must be an officer.
3. Never talk back to a leader.
4. Never, for safety's sake, disagree with a leader when he calls you a "Goldbricker".
5. Never talk back to a leader.
6. Never try the fake sick gag on Lt. Faizon, he has Castor Oil among his medical supplies.
7. Never talk back to a leader.
8. Never stand in front of "Goosey" Morricci (there's a reason).
9. Never talk back to a leader.
10. Never oversleep because cots can be dumped very easily.
11. Never talk back to a leader.
12. Never chisel in chow-line, it is prohibited to "Rookies".
13. Never talk back to a leader.
14. Never yell or shout while going to town on the truck, it's a three mile hike.
15. Never talk back to a leader.
16. Never run out of tobacco. Grubbers somehow become disliked and refused.
17. Never talk back to a leader.

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ECHOES AND RE-ECHOES

Letters have been pouring in from the ex-enrollees of our company. Some jest, some brag of the good times they're having while a few let their sorrows slip through the lines and still others weep a shameless tear or two for old times' sake.

Through it all a note of regret, a mournful lament slinks along in it's sorrowful way. "Mickey Mouse" Simon writes: "I am pining for Co. 262. Pat McCabe gallantly suppresses such outburst but reveals his feelings in his missive, "It is hard getting used to the house after enjoying yourself in the open so long."

Bits of news come back with a chuckle on the end, "Steve Stutzbach was so hungry at Camp Dix that he ate in all six chow houses. He used the time honored method of washing, his messkit after each meal." Rosy Rosenfeld (our kitchen-pampered ex-assistant leader) remarked, "It feels good to be treated like a dog again" meaning he had to "hit the line" and eat out of a messkit again.

On the train to Camp Dix the boys indulged in some horse-play, Tobin ex-leader, tossed a lemon at Pierre, late of the Latrine. He missed him but unfortunately the fruit found a temporary lodging place behind a Lieutenant's ear. The stricken one blamed Rosenfeld for some unknown reason (He probably was laughing) but that worthy extricated himself very adroitly by blaming "Hurricane" Wright who received K.P. Justice did not triumph.

So it goes, running the emotional gauntlet in rapid succession. We miss them all.

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TENT-TYPES

Lt. Joseph Escudé

Ushered into the world, Independence Day by the roll of drums and the blare of bugles. Marching feet drowned out first baby cry as military career was pre-determined.

Childhood schooling unique. Never attended public school. Spent first years in Bayley Hall Grammar School. Lead hectic existence from one Military Academy to another. Further study of 3 R's in U. of Penn and Rutgers, seasoned by occasional requests to leave "For good of school"

Caught in grip of wanderlust after each requested departure. Hie'd off to "Adventure Lands".

Peru! Near Amazon to help build dam (was timekeeper).

Mexico! Constructing dams and love affairs with flashing señoritas.

Shipped as coal-heaver, jumping ship at Tahiti! Glamor spot of South Seas, where time is unknown. Where Sophisticates gather to forget cruelties of civilization. Months of idealistic living. Then back to the States! Worked on the construction of Holland Tunnel linking New York and New Jersey.

Desired active military service. Requested duty with troops. Assigned to CCC's instead. A tremendous disappointment.

Has powerful build. Dark blue eyes. Frank, engaging personality. Moles aplenty on left arm, few on countenance. Uses the weed.

Biggest thrill - Stared at death in South America! Temporary dam bursts! Side of mountain washed away, avalanche rushes down on settlement! Found refuge in deep shaft, watched boulders speed overhead, carried by momentum. Escaped unscathed!

Favorite sports, Football, Polo and women.

Still unmarried. Present passion "Irma", Kindred adventurous soul. Harpooned sharks together off Miami Beach.

Spends idle hours fascinating CC lads with tales of far-off lands.

We salute an officer, gentleman, and Pal.

NEW BOOKS

ALIAS BLACKSHIRT by Bruce Graeme.

Blackshirt, the cracksman of the night, returns. Forced to return by the appearance of an imposter. How does he deal with the counterfeit Blackshirt.

MICROBE HUNTERS by Paul de Kruif.

Scientists hunting and discovering microbes with microscopes and their sacrificial bravery in doing so. Interesting and well-told biographies.

DANGER RANGE by Westmoreland Gray.

Cattle disappearing. Rolling Stone, the cattle detective, joins the rustlers. From then on there is fast thinking, fast riding, fast shooting. Fast adventure for those who like exciting reading.

GUYS AND GAGS

Deane: What's your idea of a clean sport?

Solsky: Swimming!

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Mr. Borders: How did you like the last issue of the camp paper?

Lt. Wetzel: I think the covers were too far apart and it could have been improved by leaving out the printing. The paper you used was all right.

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Campbell: Here's the doctor to see you

Pantzer: (in delirium) Send him away. Get the undertaker instead.

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KENILWORTH
DAIRY

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AROUND THE CAMP

Jack (C.D.) Duffy

We have been overwhelmed with requests to continue the exposé of the camp detail.

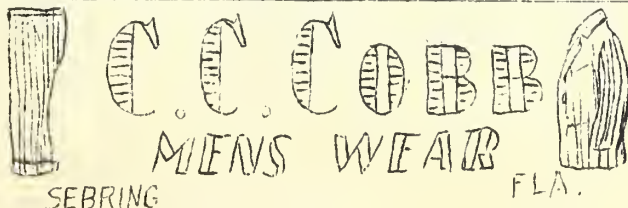
What with one mishap after another we were fortunate to complete the new latrine. To quote Bryon Smith, camp detailer extraordinary: "I am glad of it for I was beginning to have pipe dreams at night about it."

In contrast with this commendable piece of work I am forced to reveal the other side of the C. D. The other afternoon Lt. Wetzel was surprised to observe Sanaga and that noted ballroom dancer "Empire" Jagoda indulging in a snappy game of tennis about 2:30 PM. When questioned these gentlemen admitted they ceased their labors when the first truck came in (and they were not too inquisitive as to the hour of it's arrival). Shortly afterwards "Lightfoot" Jagoda departed for the park. I wonder why?

It is our fondest wish that the enrollees (you too, Curt Rowe) would stop littering our camp area with papers, rubbish and other valueless items. Such co-operation would eliminate policing up in the morning and lengthen our sleeping hours.

Now that Byron and Max have been transferred to the Park Service they have been replaced by two worthy boys. We welcome ex-cook Joe "Flash" Murphy and ex-bug "Giggy" Hyrnko to our fold. They have brought reputations of being hard workers with them. Keep it up boys.

Furthermore, will somebody wake up the lad whose job it is to awaken the C. D. in the morning.



KITCHEN KAPEERS

John (Kitchen) Roberts

Mess Sargeant Mike Romano was observed the other A.M. wielding his newly acquired cheese dagger with telling effect upon certain roaches descending from the ice box. Good hunting, "Frank Buck". Furthermore, he has moved his cot out of the cooks tent to become an experienced local man. What a man!

"Chuck" Lavelle our ominent first cook has been seen dunking biscuits into tea every afternoon. Tch! Tch! Can it be, he has reformed?

George Babcock, the new supervisory cook, is renovating the kitchen into a hospital. He has asked for white coats for the kitchen staff and the K.P's. Have you been influenced by the picture "Men in White" George?

Joe Murphy, our ex-cook will never again be accused of fixing up an extra good lunch for a certain tractor driver. Well, he had a pretty good reason.

Torsiello is the new addition to the kitchen staff. He is already learning how to sleep in the afternoon.

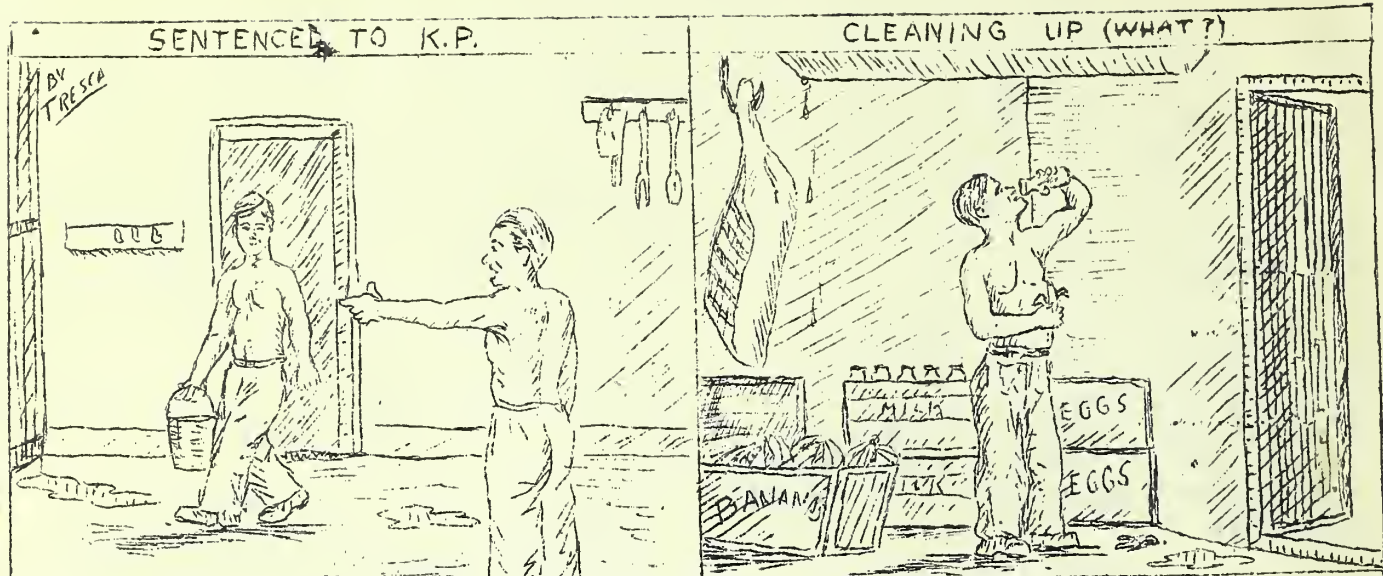
Teddy Wesnofske, the popular first cook has four girl friends in the near-by towns. He needs one more to form a girl scout troop and satisfy his ambition to be a girl scout master.

BUSY BEE

CAFE

SEBRING'S
EXCLUSIVE
NIGHT
CAFE





TEDDY - HEY, ROOKIE CLEAN OUT THAT
ICE-BOX.

ROOKIE - O.K.

ROOKIE - SECH IS LIFE. (GULP)

IN PUBLISHING THIS PAPER

Red Zerringer gave himself a short haircut by pulling his hair out one by one during the more trying moments.

Gene Woods missed chow three times while working (On the Stump).

Phil Mogul, our very capable editor, quit for the 942,653,876th time.

Jack Duffy, our camp informer, smoked a pack of Milton Strauss' butts while pouring out on paper what he knew about the camp detail.

Once again our editor showed that he knew the score by buying Teddy Pucceralla four cigars in return for a very snappy contribution.

Brother Chuck Lavelle read two love storys while the paper was in its printing stage. (How could we ever do without him!).

The sacred dignity of the press room was invaded when the company barber, armed with shears and clippers, came marching in to give Pet Treppidi a trim.

Our artist, Tresca, failed to display any temperament which is con-

trary to all the codes of artists and Journalists.

John (Kitchen) Roberts could be heard muttering to himself; "revenge is sweet" "revenge is sweet".

Buster Tortora, the C-ourier's 'Winchell', spent \$4.63 to reimburse his scandal scouts for the info they spilled.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Our Editor just recinded his resignation and we lived happily ever after - - - at least until the next edition.

by Bob Myers.

DANGEROUS FISHING

Sunday, October 14, Wassmer, Tresca, and a few other members of the Company decided to catch a big bass. On entering the water they spied a five-foot rattler swimming gracefully along the shore. As it neared the lads Wassmer greeted the rattler with a huge floor board. Tresca will perform an autopsy at an early date.

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